Terre Haute Council of P.-T.A.

BY MARION G. JEFFRIES.

ONCE each month the Parent-Teacher associations send their delegates to meet in council. This group has its own officers and committee chairmen and is known as the Terre Haute Council of Parent-Teacher Associations. At the council meeting there is discussion on methods of organization, reports from the Indiana and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, on individual problems and group procedure.

Schools of instruction are often held to prepare leaders and new units are assisted by the older groups. The council does not dictate or legislate for the local unit and is merely a council for counsel on a city-wide basis. The county units are members of the Vigo County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations.

The membership of the Terre Haute council is made up of the following associations: Cruft P.-T. A., Mrs. F. W. Phillips, president; Davis Park P.-T. A., Dr. Floyd Riggs; Deming P.-T. A., the Rev. J. S Davis; Fairbanks P.-T. A., Mrs. James Brummett; Fairview P.-T. A., Mrs. W. E. Jenkins; Greenwood P.-T. A., Mrs Alice Hoke; Orange P.-T. A., Mrs. James Kyle; McLean Junior High P.-T. A., Mrs. Edward Paitson; McKeen P.-T. A., Mrs. Harry Church; Montrose P.-T. A., Mrs. Robert Bales; Rea P.-T. A., Mrs. Louis Banks; Warren P.-T. A., Mrs. H. S. Kerr, and Wilson Junior High, P.-T. A., Mrs. William T. Allyn.

Each of these units serves as an educational and moral force in its respective community and the Parent-Teacher monthly meeting is the one place in this day of highly organized society where the ideals of democracy are observed.

Teaching Democracy.

Here the poor mingle with the rich and learn through educational programs those truths which help solve the problems of childhood. No one questions your political or religious affiliations or belief. None asks your name, your race or creed. No one passes a collection plate or requests you to sign a pledge of loyalty. And the week following you may be assured that no book agent, magazine salesman or any other commercial agent will be accompanied to your home or be given your name by the P. T. A. officers, for the membership list is never given out for commercial exploitation.

You will be invited to join the P.-T. A., with perhaps the smallest membership dues of any organization, but if you do not join, no pressure will be brought against you for failure to do so. Each local unit makes its own by-laws, directs its own activities, originates its own projects and through its accredited delegates in convention adopts its own resolutions and laws. Down through forty-three years of constant endeavor, thousands of local units throughout the country have lifted themselves by their own bootstraps and guarded their actions until they have become known as a great democratic institution, unselfish and forward looking.

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers now recognizes its power and its responsibility for accomplishing tangible results in the guidance of young people since it is to these young people that society looks to bring order out of chaos, rest out of unrest and straight thinking out of crooked thinking. United action is therefore necessary as we today face serious questions, serious realities, none of which can be ignored.

All Meetings Open.

The meetings of the Terre Haute Council of Parent-Teacher Associations are open to the public and are held at Wiley High School the second Thursday of the month, October to May, inclusive. Officers are Mrs. Patrick Bailey, president; Mrs. William Deverick, vice president; Mrs. William Fread, secretary; Mrs. Charles DePugh, treasurer, and Mrs. Russell Young, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Ben H. Davis is the state director for this district and Mrs. Fred Jeffries, second vice president of the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers, is completing the last year of a three-year term. She has served as a member of the board of managers for six years.

If you should ask ten people on a street quiz program what a P.-T. A is there would be ten different answers, yet all partially correct. Even a member sees the P.-T. A as the blind man saw the elephant, each grasping or touching only a part of the whole body.

The Parent-Teacher Association is an organization for the purpose of promoting understanding between teachers and parents, an organization devoted to parent education, an organization for the protection of children, an organized moral force, an organization seeking proper development of the public school system, an organization constantly forming public opinion for a better way of life, an organization promoting mental hygiene, recreation, better library service and reading, juvenile protection and other needs for a happier world. Thus is might be called a spiritual force for a democracy.

Not that these ten people would be wrong if they declared that a P.-T. A. was a charitable organization, a commercial organization, with its sole enterprise physical equipment for the schools, or an organization having a monthly entertainment which exploits the children, harrasses the teachers and upsets school routine.

Neither is it a social venture, for membership is not restricted and officers are not chosen for their social standing. This type of an organization should be discountenanced by both parents and teachers. And it is the duty of Parent-Teacher Councils to discourage such activities.

You cannot concretely fix the spirit of the P.-T A. nor see its results. It is to the glory of the organization that its progress is stable, yet not static — it is the expression of an unchanging purpose in a swiftly changing world.

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Parent-Teacher Association (City)

Parent-Teacher Council Renders Invaluable Service to Community

BY MRS. M. H. BLAIR.

The Terre Haute Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, better known as the Parent-Teacher Council, has functioned continuously since 1916 under the leadership of some seventeen different presidents. The council is a representative body whose membership is limited to the president and two delegates from each congress unit inside the city of Terre Saute, but unlike most representative bodies it does not legislate for the local units in membership, each of which operates under its own by-laws which are approved by the board of managers of the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers. Instead the council serves to interpret and stimulate interest in the program of the state and national congress and provides the means whereby the local units may unite in any city-wide project.

Once each year (on Feb. 17), through its Founders' Day dinner observance, the council presents the opportunity for the officers and members of the local units as well as anyone who is interested to participate in a project that is of primary importance to the organization because it

1. Keeps attention focused on the objects of the congress.
2. Promotes esprit de corps.
3. Stimulates the thought and action of the group by pertinent talks by guest speakers.
4. Recognizes the debt it owes to past and present leaders.
5. Provides an extension fund (through gifts of money from local units) that is shared equally by the state and national congress and used to enlarge their services to members, in addition to carrying the movement into new territory.

Parent Education.

In its early days the work of the council lay very largely in the field of organization, which naturally developed a need for trained leadership and some clearly defined goals or objectives. This need is met by an annual School of Instruction which is a one-day conference conducted by leaders of experience and training and is open to all officers and committee chairmen of the local units. The council also stresses the need to meet the goals—or standards—for Parent-Teacher associations certified by the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers, under which a number of the local units have obtained standard and, in at least one instance, superior ratings.

In keeping with the trend of the times the council has in recent years developed a splendid program of parent education. In this field it has enjoyed the support and co-operation of Indiana State Teachers College as such and of the education department as individuals and has participated in the annual education conference of the college for a number of years—at one time bringing its state president and a member of the national congress to appear on the program. As a contribution to the program for adult education the council has sponsored a training course in home nursing (in co-operation with the Red Cross) and has for a number of years sponsored the Mother Singers' Chorus whose work under trained directors has not only been a cultural asset to the members of the chorus but to the whole community as well.

Extends Co-operation.

The council co-operates with local, state and national safety projects and encourages its local units to back the school safety patrol by providing necessary insignia and rewarding merit by some special treat or public acknowledgment.

During recent years of economic stress the council emphasized the need to subordinate the regular Parent-Teacher program in order to provide for the physical needs of children in school, so women rolled up their sleeves and carried on a daily feeding project, and collected, repaired and distributed much-needed clothing. At the same time, through the activities of a strong legislative committee, they were standing as a bulwark to the whole public school system.

The health project, known as the Summer Roundup of the Children; the development of interest in art through the poster contest; activity in character development through sponsorship of Boy and Girl Scout troops; effort in behalf of supervised playgrounds and increased library facilities are a few of the activities dealing directly with children which the council promotes. These are the things of which it is possible to say "the Parent-Teacher Council does thus and so" but its really big accomplishment is impossible of presentation, because it is only to be found in the lives and homes of the 1,426 individual members of the local congress units; in the raised standards of home life; the greater understanding between husbands and wives, parents and children, parents and teachers; in the broader vision, the better citizenship, that has been inspired by this movement which is so truly democratic that it brings together people of all races, creeds and political parties, to promote the physical, intellectual, spiritual and social welfare of all children.

Never let it be said that the council, as a representative of the Parent-Teacher movement, is accomplishing nothing just because the results of its activities cannot be held up before the public as an exhibit. The very fact that for forty-three years men and women have turned to this organization in ever-increasing numbers attests the fact that there is a need for its services in their lives and that the need is being met. Working without fanfare, but quietly carrying on year after year, the Terre Haute Council of Parent-Teacher Associations is a neducational and cultural asset to this community.

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LOCAL PTA UNITS TO BE REPRESENTED AT STATE PARLEY

City Parent-Teacher associations will be represented at the forty-eighth annual convention of the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers by 27 local persons attending the meetings Wednesday and Thursday at the Scottish Rite Cathedral and the Van Orman Hotel in Fort Wayne.

One thousand, one hundred and seventy PTA units and 68 councils representing 261,844 members from Indiana will take part in the sessions.

Those attending from here will include: Mrs. J. O. Wright, district director; Mrs. Ted Nicoson, state historian; Mrs. Rubin Dowan of Rea School, who was presented a life membership in the PTA; Angelo Vannoni, Mrs. Ralph Beal, Mrs. Wayne Trueblood, Mrs. Ancil Taylor and Mrs. Herman Lutes, all of Warren School.

Also Mrs. Torrence Anderson and Mrs. Joseph Everly, Fairbanks School; Mrs. Richard Oard and Mrs. Terry Furr, Cruft School; Mrs. Ione McConkey, principal, George Craig and Stanley Stewart, all of Meadows School; Mrs. Pauline Wilson, principal, Fuqua School; Mrs. George Frerichs, Sandison School; Mrs. Walter Killion, Sarah Scott Junior High School.

Also, Mrs. Robert R. Carpenter, Maple Avenue School; Mrs. William Eldred, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School; Mrs. Allen Wagner, Thompson School; Jack R. King and Mrs. John Hartmann, Davis Park School; Kenneth Karshner and Mrs. Kelsey McDaniel, Riley School; Mrs. Frank Morris, incoming president, City Council of PTA.

Founder's Day Dinner Set By PTA Council

A banquet will mark the Founder's Day celebration of the City Council of Parent-Teacher Association on Feb. 11 at the Student Union Building at 6:15 p.m.

Founder's Day is the only time in the PTA year specifically dedicated to the explanations, history and philosophy of the organization. This is the time when the PTA illustrates to its members and the public the worth of the organization and its influence on the development of the parent-education, school education and social stability in the United States. This time represents capital in the national bank of Child Welfare. Such capital is expendable only for such items that bring to the members a clearer understanding of the objectives of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and an inspiration for service in the interest of all children and youth.

On this sixty-third birthday of the organization there is a membership in excess of 11 million parents, teachers and school administrators.

Offering Planned.

The PTA association is composed of citizens with no selfish purpose save the betterment of the schools where children are educated, the communities in which they live and the country which they will in the future help to direct. At this time also the Founder's Day offering or gifts are made. This serves to create new opportunities for service for persons who have not yet found in PTA membership a way to enhance the environment for children everywhere and develop in the community a sense of responsibility for their well being. The birthday gift is important as an individual expression of faith in the entire parent-teacher movement.

Scholarship gifts are presented in the form of money corsages. This money is used to give scholarships to worthy students studying to be teachers. They, upon completing their education, must teach in the state from where their scholarship was obtained.

Tickets for the banquet may be obtained from presidents of local units or by calling Mrs. Frank Morris, H-7703.

Rev. Bigler Is Founder's Day Guest Speaker

The Rev. Vernon Bigler, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church and director of the Wesley Foundation at Indiana State Teachers College and Rose Polytechnic Institute, will be guest speaker at the Feb. 11 Founder's Day observance sponsored by the City Council of the Parent-Teacher Association.

The annual banquet will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Student Union Building and will have as its theme "PTA Pursues a Better World." In keeping with the theme, the Rev. Mr. Bigler will use as his topic, "Education for Maturity." A string trio from Indiana State also will appear on the program.

Feb. 8 is the deadline for dinner reservations. They may be made by contacting the presidents of the various area PTA groups or by calling Mrs. Frank Norris, H-7703.

Chairman Named.

Committee chairmen and the various committee members assigned by the co-chairmen, Mrs. Frank Morris and Mrs. Carpenter, are:

Decorating—Mrs. John Tillson, chairman, and Mrs. James Rush, Mrs. John Grench, Mrs. Kenneth Karschner, Mrs. Richard Oard, Mrs. Russell Arnold, Mrs. Donald McCullough, Mrs. James Adami, Mrs. Keith Meyers and Mrs. Herbert Jewel.

Program—Mrs. Harley Mace, chairman, and Mrs. Walter Killon and Mrs. Ted Nicoson.

Seating—Mrs. William Eldred, chairman, and Mrs. Angelo Vannoni and Mrs. Floyd Cooper.

Hospitality—Mrs. Ancil Taylor, chairman, and Mrs. Kenneth Ward, Mrs. Norma Devine, Mrs John Fuson, Mrs. Gerald Jeffers, Mrs. Dale Jackson and Mrs. Robert Potts.

Gift ceremony—Mrs. Kenneth Karschner, chairman, and Mrs. Mary Poff; scholarship ceremony, Mrs. Carl McGuire, Jr.; music, Mrs. Harry Barrick; publicity, Mrs. William Eldred; telephone, Mrs. Harry Barrick; flag ceremony, Herman Seidel; tickets, Herschel Fields and Mrs. Paul Orth; invocation, Mrs. Jack Lashbrook; reservations, Mrs. Frank Norris and Mrs. Robert Carpenter, and scholarship corsages, Mrs. Alex Yaraschefski, Mrs. John Wolf and Mrs. Carl McGuire, Jr.

Riley P.-T. A. Will Hear Authority On Hoosier Poet

Dr. George E. Davis, authority on James Whitcomb Riley and director of the division of adult education at Purdue University, will present the program for the meeting of the James Whitcomb Riley School Parent-Teacher Association at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night at the school.

"Know the Man for Whom Your School Is Named" will be the topic discussed by Dr. Davis, who formerly was director of the office of student affairs and of the Summer session at Purdue.

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AS AN avocation in his educational work, he has made a special study of the life and works of the Hoosier poet and is known as one of the best interpreters of Riley's poems. During the past several years he has appeared before hundreds of audiences throughout the Middle West to read the poems.

A native of Farmersville, Ohio, he is the son of a Presbyterian minister and received his early education in the schools of Pennsylvania and Delaware. He was graduated from high school in Iowa City, Iowa, and received the bachelor of arts degree from the University of Iowa in 1917.

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DURING World War I he served with the Ninetieth Division of the Signal Corps at St. Mihiel and the Argonne and was with the Army of Occupation in Germany following the Armistice. Upon his discharge from service, he re-entered his alma mater and received his master's degree in 1920.

He was superintendent of the Fontanelle, Iowa, schools for a year and then became principal of the Keokuk High School, remaining there 16 years. He joined Purdue's staff as director of teacher licensing and placement in 1937 after receiving his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Iowa.

All parents, teachers and interested persons are invited to attend this meeting of the P.-T. A. by Mrs. Kelsey McDaniel, president. Hostesses will be the Mmes. Clyde Sappingfield, Frances Hensley, Marshall Haney, Herschel Bland and Clarence Jennings, chairman.

Trib. Jan. 26, 1961

MONEY CORSAGES will be worn at the annual Founder's Day Banquet of the City Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, Feb. 9, their intrinsic value to subsequently swell the Indiana PTA Scholarship Fund. Inspecting them are council executive board members (from left) Mesdames Richard Oard, John Wolfe, Frank Morris, Torrence Anderson, Robert Carpenter and Paul Orth.

Conover Tells PTA Group How Parents Can Help Children

Trib Feb 10-1961

The responsibility of parents for the climate in which their children grow mentally, morally and spiritually was the subject of an address last night by James F. Conover before some 250 guests at the annual Founders' Day dinner of the City Council of Parent-Teacher Associations.

Conover, co-ordinator for educational planning for the Vigo County School Corporation, stressed the educational phase of young people's training and declared that sound educational planning should start in the home at birth. He emphasized also the need for discipline.

During the dinner program in the Student Union Building, about $100 in silver contributions was presented to the state and national organization and another $105 was added to the scholarship fund. Mrs. Frank Morris, council president, was mistress of ceremonies and introduced a number of special guests. The Madri-Gals and Guys of Wiley High School presented a program of songs.

Parents Can Co-operate.

Conover cited three important ways in which parents can co-operate with their children in their education: support them in their curiosity, provide a library for their needs at each age level and help them develop good study habits.

He also discussed with the group deliberations of the most recent White House Conference on Children and Youth which he attended. He listed the recommendations of the 1960 White House Conference endorsed by the Board of Trustees of the Vigo County School Corporation and its administrative staff.

These include: The working more closely with parents and community groups in determining goals and potentialities for good schools; reviewing and assessing the scope and content of the educational program.

Conover had several other suggestions regarding a sound educational program: such programs should be developed in terms of higher quality rather than minimum standards, each pupil's program should be evaluated in terms of his own potential rather than of a common external standard; control of the educational program must be retained by the local community.

Referring to the ultimate goals of today's educational program, Conover declared schools must maintain a balance between science and technology, on the one hand, he pointed out, and creativity in the arts and humanities and a sense of moral and spiritual values, on the other, as well as a balance in their scholastic and extracurricular activities.

P.-T. A. Council Plans Founders' Day Observance

Star 7 Feb-1961

Reservations for the Founders' Day Banquet of the City Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, which will be Feb. 9 in the East Ballroom of the Indiana State Teachers College Union Building, are to be made by Monday with Mrs. Robert Carpenter, L-9989, it was stated yesterday.

All council past presidents and state life members will be honored during the program. James F. Conover, co-ordinator of educational planning for the Vigo County School Corporation, will be the speaker. His topic will be "Co-operation and Educational Planning."

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A WILEY choral group directed by Miss Vera Wright will sing a group of numbers during the program.

Mrs. Frank Morris, council president, will serve as mistress of ceremonies. The invocation and benediction will be given by Mrs. James Ross. Intermediate Girl Scout Troop No. 252 of Meadows School will be in charge of the flag ceremony. The gift ceremony will be conducted by Mrs. Torrence Anderson and Mrs. John Wolf will be in charge of the scholarship part of the program.

Special guests for the evening will include Max Gabbert, superintendent of schools, and Mrs. Gabbert; Mrs. J. O. Wright, state district director; Mrs. Lyman Durham, County Council president; Mrs. Ted Nicoson, state historian; Dr. Wayne Schomer, member of the state board, and Mrs. W. R. Cummins of Danville, state vice president.

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COMMITTEES named by the president to arrange for the dinner are: Founders' Day, Mrs. Robert Carpenter and Mrs. Paul Orth; gift ceremony, Mrs. Torrence Anderson; program booklets, Mrs. Richard Rueckert; hospitality, Mrs. Richard Oard; flag ceremony, Mrs. Herbert Jewel; music, Mrs. John Graesch; scholarships, Mrs. John Wolf and Mrs. Richard Oard.

Also, invocation, Mrs. James Ross; speaker's gift, Mrs. Henry Bader; seating, Mrs. Angelo Vannioni, Mrs. Frank Sibrel and Mrs. Ben Potts; decorations, Mrs. Keith Myers, chairman, and the Mmes. Kenneth Karshner, James McCombs, Jerry Johnson, Homer McDaniels, George Frerichs, Kelsey McDaniels, Philip Powell and Eugene Stokes; publicity, Mrs. William Eldred.

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Speaker Stresses Need for P.-T. A.

Star Sept 16-1960

About 60 Parent-Teacher Association representatives and guests last night heard Brett J. McGinnis, director of recreation for the city of Evansville and first vice president of the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers, speak on "You and the P.-T. A." The meeting was at Meadows School.

McGinnis touched upon the adoption five years ago by the national group of a program dealing with the whole child. This was a departure from the school-bound P.-T. A., he pointed out, and made a better program, for it takes into consideration the home, school and community.

The largest volunteer organization in the United States, it is successful only as each unit is strong, he pointed out, and unless a person lives in Utopia, there is need for a P.-T. A.

He urged that associations: See that representatives go to city council meetings, work toward elimination of pornography, set up clothing banks for needy children, provide screening committees in selection of school board candidates, support higher salaries for teachers, and attend tax board and other community meetings.

Following his talk there was a discussion period, after which refreshments were served.

The group was welcomed by Mrs. Frank Morris, president of the City Council of Parents and Teachers, who also introduced special guests. The speaker was introduced by Kenneth Karshner, treasurer of the council. Among those attending were 18 school principals and 22 presidents of local units.

LOCAL PTA PATRONS TO ATTEND RALLY

Evelina Fairbanks

Trib Oct 5-1960

A Terre Haute delegation of Parent Teachers Association patrons will attend the regional conference of the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers to be held Tuesday at Turkey Run State Park.

The local group will be headed by Dr. Wayne Schomer of Indiana State Teachers College, member-at-large of the Indiana Congress board, and Mrs. J. O. Wright, district director, both of whom will appear on the program.

Hosts for the coffee hour during registration will be Mrs. Frank Morris, Mrs. Robert Carpenter, Mrs. Torence Anderson and Kenneth Karshner who represent the Terre Haute City Council of Parents and Teachers.

Dr. William P. Allyn, who retired this year as professor of zoology at Indiana State Teachers College and husband of a former district director, will be the principal speaker.

Theme of the meeting will be "Assignments for the Sixties." The sessions will start at 8:15 o'clock in the morning and continue until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Coffee will be served from 8:15 until 9:15 o'clock, preceding the opening of the general session at 9:30 o'clock.

Members from local schools attending have been asked to take their 1959-60 publicity books for evaluation and display.

Two P.-T. A. Council Committees Named

Star Oct 6-1960

Two committees were announced last night by Mrs. Lyman Durham, president, during the meeting of the Vigo County Council of Parents and Teachers in the office of the county superintendent of schools.

Mrs. Clarence Pickrell, vice president, is chairman of the founders' day committee. Other members are Mrs. David Inwood and Mrs. Jack Collins.

Walter Halstead, treasurer, heads the budget committee. Working with him will be Bill Joy and William Lee Miller.

The group last night heard a talk on instruction through airborne television by Dr. Jane Grills of the Indiana State Teachers College staff; had a question and answer period on the Parent-Teacher Association Manual led by Mrs. J. O. Wright, district director, and a group discussion of membership. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting during which Mrs. Durham introduced the three other

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Panel Discusses Schools Changes

Star Nov 11-1960

Among the changes coming in education discussed by a panel of experts last night before the City Council of Parent-Teacher Associations meeting at Wiley High School are the recommending of a cabinet representative for education, airborne television instruction and the teaching of foreign languages at the elementary level.

John Conaway, associate professor of industrial education at Indiana State Teachers College, said the White House Conference has on its agenda the recommendation for a cabinet post representing education.

Others on the panel of experts were Dr. Ruth Runke, professor of education at Indiana State; Miss Marjorie Walker, teacher at Davis Park School, and Max P. Gabbert, superintendent of schools.

The trend toward a continuity of education for children from age 2 through 8 years was discussed, particularly the need for nursery schools in the local area.

Concerning the teaching of languages, there now is a debate between educators as to whether or not it should be started early in the grades, was pointed out.

The good resources for education and training of children and the need to develop them was touched upon, together with the responsibility of the home, church, school and community in the education of the child.

The success of the parent-teacher conference being carried on in the schools throughout the city this year was discussed by Miss Alice Femyer, director of elementary education, who reported an 85 to 90 per cent participation.

Parent-Teacher Association News

Star Dec 6-1960

T. H. COUNCIL

Terre Haute Council of Parent-Teacher Associations will move its meeting place this month to Meadows School. The meeting will be at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night.

"Education via Airborne Television" will be presented by a symposium. Meadows School has been chosen for the meeting because it is to be one of the schools participating in teaching by television and it is hoped that the equipment will be on hand for the meeting.

Members of the symposium will be Dr. Jane Grills of Indiana State Teachers College, area coordinator for the Midwest Program on Airborne Television Instruction, whose topic will be the general needs of the area; J. J. Maehling, director of secondary instruction in the city schools, who will present the technical needs locally, and Mrs. Ione McConkey, principal of Meadows School, who will discuss airborne television in relation to the student.

The portion of the meeting devoted to the manual will be concerned with "procedure." Mrs. Louise Barrick, procedure and by laws chairman, will be in charge. Kenneth Karshner, council treasurer, will report on the legislative workshop recently conducted at Purdue University.

Parent-Teacher Association News

Star Jan 13-1961

CITY COUNCIL

Edward Turner and Mrs. William Eldred last night were appointed representatives of the City Council of Parent-Teacher Associations to the Vigo County Co-ordinating Council.

There were 68 representatives at the meeting of the Council at Wiley High School which featured a debate on "Resolved: Indiana Should Have Increased Federal Aid," which was presented by a group of Indiana State Teachers College students.

Representatives were reminded that Feb. 9 will be the City Council's observance of Founders' Day and asked to see that tickets are sold in their units.

"Bless This House" was sung by Miss Kay Granger as the opening devotion.

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City, Vigo P.-T. A. Merger Approved

Star Jul-23-1961

Merging of the present City and County Councils of Parent-Teacher associations into a county-wide unit embracing all the schools of the Vigo County School Corporation was approved last night. The merger will be effective after the close of the current school year.

A special meeting of the two groups was conducted at Wiley High School by Mrs. Paul Orth, temporary chairman of the merged groups.

A set of by laws for the new Vigo County Council was adopted by the 54 persons present representing 22 of the 31 units to be included in the new organization. These by laws provide for one member of the nominating committee to be from each school district in the county school corporation.

Following adoption of the by laws, a nominating committee was named. Members are: Mrs. Roger Harned, chairman; Mrs. Clarence Pickrell, Mrs. Richard Heustis, Mrs. John Phelps and Forrest Martin.

The committee which presented the by laws was composed of William Joyce, James F. Conover, Kenneth Karshner, Mrs. Harry Barrick and Mrs. Charles Hardaway.

Among the guests at last night's meeting, were Max Gabbert, superintendent of schools; James Conover, deputy superintendent; Mrs. J. O. Wright, P.-T. A. district director, and Charles R. Pierson, county superintendent who is serving as consultant to the new corporation.

Next meeting of the merged unit will be April 26 in the Little Theatre at Wiley High School.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the state parent-teacher association is presented Mrs. Vernah Heady, principal of Crawford School, by Mrs. Nancy Latta, PTA president.

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these religious articles and the use to which they are put. There is nothing pagan or superstitious about them, and they do have a very real religious meaning and value.

"Actually," Father Crane told Dave, "religious articles used by Catholics are meant to be helps to their religious life—nothing more. The value of such articles is not in the metal, wood or wax of which they are made, nor in the form they may have... but in the prayer of the Church and of Christ, in whose name the Church prays in blessing them... as well as the fervor of the user's own prayer and his good disposition."

But Dave was still not convinced. He argued that religion is a spiritual thing... that it requires no external manifestations. "Yes," the priest agreed, "it is spiritual. But isn't it the natural thing for a human being to give outward expression to the things within his heart? How, for example, could you be sure that your mother loved you if she gave no sign that she did?"

Our Lord, Father Crane added, could have cured the blind man (John 9:6) merely by willing it. Instead, he first made a salve of seem strange to you now, would make a deep and convincing impression upon your mind and heart if you understood them. And this is your invitation to investigate.

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Superintendent Gabbert Is Life Member of PTA

Trib May 12-61

A life membership in the Parent - Teacher Association was made Thursday night to Max P. Gabbert, acting superintendent of the Vigo County School Corporation, by the Terre Haute City Council of PTA Associations as it met for the final session of its 36 years or organization.

The council is preparing to turn over its books and records to the recently organized Vigo County Council in the merger of the city and county groups. The transition will be completely accomplished within the next two weeks.

Presentation was made by Mrs. Elsie Kuhlman, principal of Cruft School, which was host for the meeting, on behalf of the 23 PTA units within the city's corporate limits.

Pin for Mrs. Morris.

A past president's pin also was presented Mrs. Frank Morris, president of the City Council.

Program for the evening was on Leadership training. It opened with a humorous skit of a budget committee planning a fund - raising program, doing everything as it should not be done and illustrating how not to make a budget. Participants were Mrs. Richard Reuckert, Mrs. John Tilson, George Craig and Robert Mardis.

This was followed by a symposium on how to make a budget presented by Kenneth Karshner, Mrs. Robert Carpenter and Mrs. Angelo Vanoni. They answered questions from the audience at its conclusion.

Among the 60 present, other special guests were J. J. Maehling, director of secondary education in the county school corporation; Mrs. Gabbert, who was presented a corsage; Mrs. Max West, a past president, and Ted Nicoson, state membership chairman.

Cruft School faculty served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

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Vigo Co. Parent Teacher Assoc.

Plan Special PTA Workshop On Thursday

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The recently elected County Council Parent Teacher Association officers and board members met this week for a leadership training workshop for local PTA officers and chairmen.

The drive-in workshop will be held at the Lions Shelter No. 2 in Deming Park, on Thursday, May 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. All local officers and chairmen are being contacted and urged to attend.

The workshops will feature various speakers discussing: school - community relations, budgets, programs, membership, National, state and council affiliations and the use of the presidents packet of materials. There will also be a skit on "How to Conduct a Meeting."

Materials will be given out to help local leaders. A light refreshment will be served.

County Council officers for the coming year are: President, Rudolph Jacobsen; Vice-President, Mrs. Naomi Thurman, 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Grover Garrett; Treasurer, Joe Liston; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bonnie Tresize: Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Paul Chappell, Advisory Board Members, Mrs. Freida Ginnopolus and Mrs. Betty Jennings.

The executive board also met to discuss programs and projects for next year.

TEACHERS WORKSHOP—Officials of the Vigo County Council Parent-Teachers' Association meet to complete plans for a leadership training workshop for local officers and chairmen. Seated, from left, are Izetta Morris, Marlene Chapell, and Rudolf Jacobsen, council president. Standing, from left, Joe Liston and Carol Garrett. House of Photography Photo.

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OUTGOING AND INCOMING PRESIDENTS—Darrell E. Felling, left, is shown presenting a pin to James Earl Casey, new president of the Parent-Teachers Association at Dixie Bee Elementary School. Felling served as president of the PTA organization last year.
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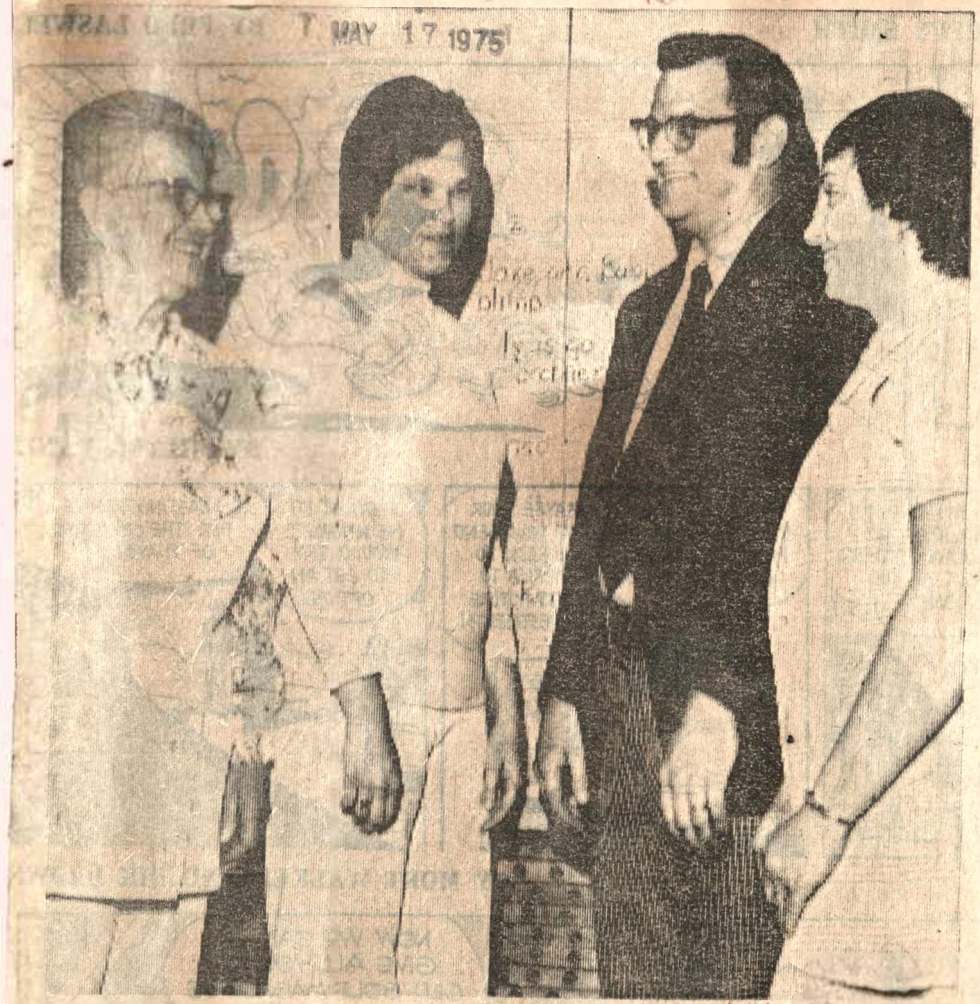

NEW OFFICERS of the Deming School Parent Teachers Association were installed Thursday night. They include, from left, Juanita Sparks, principal; Susan Cheney, secretary; Robert Rafter, president, and Judy Harbaugh, vice president. Not shown is Patricia Lewis, treasurer.

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County PTA Council Names Felling to Post

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Darrell E. Felling, local attorney, was elected president of the Vigo County Council of Parent Teachers Associations at a recent meeting.

Others elected for the 1976-77 year were James Casey, first vice president; Julia Harbaugh, second vice president; Mrs. Paul Ellen, secretary; and Robert Smith, treasurer.

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Mrs. Mary Clare Hamrick, retiring president, presented several reports covering the 1975-76 year, and indicated the Council had had a very successful year.

Felling remarked, "The Council will make an all-out attempt this year to procure a consensus of opinion among the 14 PTA members as to policy and direction of the education system, and special attention will be directed toward Dr. Harmon Baldwin's recommendations as to school redistricting and facility improvements and additions."

All PTA and PTO organizations in the county are invited to join the Council.

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School Near Prison Facility Draws Objections

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Parent Teachers Assoc (Vigo Co.)

By DAVID H. COX
Star Staff Writer

A group of parents has responded to an article that appeared in the Oct. 25 edition of The Star on another parent group's reaction to a proposed school site in southern Vigo County.

In the Oct. 25 story, three women — Mrs. Carole Romine (president of the Pimento School Parent-Teachers Association), Mrs. Connie Loveall (Pimento PTA secretary) and Mrs. Susan Moss (Pimento PTA past officer)— spoke on their views of the situation and offered some opinion.

The Vigo County School Corporation is studying the possibility of building a new elementary school across the road from the U.S. Penitentiary honor farm located south of Terre Haute.

One of the three women, when meeting with The Star, said, "We feel maybe the petition (opposing the school site) shows we want a community school rather than opposing the school site."

That statement aroused the feelings of persons who circulated the initial petition. "Everyone who signed that petition is against their children or grandchildren going to school there," says Mrs. Becky Bates, who was instrumental in developing the petition. "They want a different location away from penitentiary grounds."

The petition circulated by 12 persons and signed by nearly 500 patrons involved in the proposed school district states "We ... hereby protest and object to the purchase of ground and building of an elementary school at the proposed location directly across from the United States Penitentiary. We believe such a location is not in the best interest of the children affected thereby and know that other ground is available ... to adequately take care of the problem."

The proposed site is across from the U.S. Penitentiary honor farm and not the penitentiary itself as the petition states. Prison Warden J.D. Williams told The Star the honor farm is nine miles from the prison itself.

Mrs. Romine, Mrs. Loveall and Mrs. Moss told The Star they were pushing other sites. "We wouldn't mind the school being built near the honor farm, but it's not our first choice."

The main concern voiced by the three women was the possibility of losing a community school. "We don't want to lose our community school. Pimento has served us so well" Mrs. Moss said.

Both groups have filed official documents with their views with VCSC administrative officials and the VCSC Board of Trustees.

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PTA COUNCIL OFFICERS — The Vigo County Council of PTA, comprised of 14 local Parent-Teacher Associations, recently installed new officers for the 1977-78 year. Pictured are, from left, Sandra Myers, secretary; Susan Moss, first vice president; Bob Smith, president; and Pat Bringman, second vice president. Don Miller, treasurer, was not able to attend the picture taking session.

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Only Four Vigo School Groups Retain Affiliation With PTA

S NOV 7 1980 Parent Teacher Assoc (Vigo Co)

By LIZ CIANCONE
Star Staff Writer

There is no record of the Harper Valley PTA since Jeannie C. Riley issued her complaint, but the PTA in Vigo County schools is in a very unhealthy state. Of the 21 elementary schools in the county, only four maintain affiliation with the state and national PTA. The other schools have made "alternative arrangements."

Most frequently cited as the reason for the membership exodus is rapidly rising state and national dues and increasing question from member schools concerning what services are offered in return for the local dollars.

Only one of the county elementary schools has no parent-teacher group of any kind. Greenwood School sources said individual parents have expressed an interest in "getting something going" but so far no one individual or group of individuals has supplied the motivating force.

Franklin School joined the ranks of PTO just this year after two years of no organization of any kind. School principal Robert Mardis said that two years ago when the organization was disbanded it was a PTA affiliate, but when it was reformed this fall, the membership decided to go PTO. "There was no big philosophical battle about it," he said. He indicated he believed that after two years with no organization, parents were influenced more by the direction other schools were taking than by philosophical considerations.

The essential difference between PTA schools and PTO schools is the former's commitment to forwarding dues monies to state and national organizations. The PTO organizations in the county escape sending dues out of the immediate grasp of the local treasury and generally express the view "it may be selfish, but we are concerned about our kids, not about helping to establish a state or national political arm."

Other local parents question whether or not the local organization derives benefit in ratio to dollars expended from the affiliation with the larger group. The affiliation presently costs $1 per member, 80-cents of which is retained by the state PTA and 20-cents of which is forwarded to the national organization. A spokesman at the state PTA office at Indianapolis said national dues would go up to 50-cents per person beginning with the 1981-82 school year. Local organizations will need to forward $1.30 per member to the state to meet this expense.

Membership dues vary widely in Vigo County. DeVaney Elementary School has a PTO organization and charges no membership dues. President Karen Jones said, "We consider all parents as members of our organization and hope they will choose to [illegible] raising efforts has been excellent and the "feeling of community" has been enhanced by the elimination of dues.

Most schools ask a $1 membership fee which, as things stand, leaves nothing in the local treasury beyond what can realized through festivals, carnivals, special sales, suppers or other fund-raising activities.

One of the schools which recently voted to abandon PTA in favor of PTO is Ouabache Elementary School. President Gloria Roberts said the decision was not made without considerable discussion, but was opted at the close of the 1979-80 school year.

Ouabache was newly opened midway through the 1979-80 year and for the remaining months the school retained two organizations and two presidents brought to the school which combined the student bodies of Collett and Rea schools. Collett brought a PTO organization while Rea was a PTA affiliate. "We thought that because of Indiana State and local library resources, we didn't need the state organization," Mrs. Roberts said, adding, "we thought the money should all stay in our school for our children."

When Ouabache dropped the PTA affiliation, they also dropped their membershlp dues to 50-cents per person.

Dixie Bee Elementary School has a large and active PTA, but according to President Barbara Friedrich, membership has been dropping by 20 to 30 members annually and there is "a general mood to pull out of PTA" in favor of organizing a PTO. The membership will be voting on this issue later this month.

Mrs. Friedrich said she was personally inclined to favor dropping the PTA affiliation. She noted state-supplied materials were "far fetched" and added there was often a charge for publications they supplied. "There's no reason to stay in," she said noting when the school sought state help in getting a turn-off lane off U.S. Highway 41 it was not forthcoming.

West Vigo Elementary School has what Principal David Gossage characterized as a "very active" PTA. Three years ago the organization voted to retain the PTA affiliation and has no quarrel with programs undertaken at the national level to benefit all children, although he conceded the state and national organization was "minimal help at the building level."

The state PTA office at Indianapolis said state membership was 70,000 or slightly more last year and admitted there has been a gradual decline over the past several years. A spokesman cited a number of services provided by the state organization in the way of free materials and two conferences each [illegible] as informational and/or

All films or filmstrips owned by the state PTA are free to affiliate borrowers, according to the state office, although the local organization is asked to pay return postage and insurance costs on any materials borrowed for programs. Training kits for parents are also free, the spokesman said. A charge is made for publications, but since the PTA is a non-profit organization which must account to the state and federal government for all income and expenditures, the charge "covers only our cost of publication."

The state office stoutly defends the national and state focus on such issues as TV violence and nutritional programs for all youngsters. "The local schools are concerned with local issues and that's as it should be, but we are interested in improving the picture for all children, everywhere," she said.

Too often the "in-house" PTO organizations amass large treasuries which are expended for "things" which should be provided by the school corporation. "Providing 'things' like a plastic laminator, carpeting or other equipment doesn't better the education or the general lot of children," the state spokesman pointed out.

Unfortunately the County PTA/PTO Council which once served as a link between the state and the building organizations has fallen apart in Vigo County. Never within recent memory a strong organization, the county council has failed to organize at all for the past two years.

Whether affiliated with the PTA, or organized independently and titled variously as Patrent-Teacher Club, Booster Club or Parent-Teacher Organization, each of the 20 local organizations claim as their first priority the improved educational opportunity for the children.

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participation in the group's fund-

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Debate stirring here on PTA/PTO choice

NEWS ANALYSIS

By LIZ CIANCONE
Staff Writer

Vigo County schools began turning away from the state and national affiliation with Parent Teacher Association about 10 years ago. Instead, almost all schools opted for establishment of a Parent Teacher Organization — strictly in house, no state or national ties or dues.

Now school administrators and parents are beginning to question the wisdom of that divorce from involvement with broad issues such as advocacy for children, and are investigating the possibility of a reconciliation.

DeVaney Elementary School's PTO is the most recent group seeking information from the Indiana PTA about membership advantages. Carol Ground of the Indianapolis office explain the advantages of beyond-the-building involvement in educational issues at a sparsley-attended meeting last week.

According to Mrs. Ground, the flight from PTA seemed to be based on a misconception among teachers that the organization was anti-teacher. The increase in state and national membership dues was seen by many organizations and individuals to be taking money from local school needs to further legislative programs with which locals might not be in agreement.

Lost in the transition was the legislative clout. According to statistics supplied by Mrs. Ground, PTA lists 5 million members nationally and more than 50,000 in Indiana.

"We operate beyond the building level and lobby state and national government as advocates for children," Mrs. Ground said. With or without local involvement in PTA, the organization was active in advancing causes to benefit all children.

Historically the PTA actively sought benefits such as school lunch and breakfast programs, and this year is pushing legislators for adequate school funding.

Parents should not have to supply instructional materials to schools, suggests the national publication "PTA Today," yet that is just what PTAs and PTOs are doing when they purchase items such as computers as has been done here.

School funding should be adequate to meet the needs for advanced technical instructional materials, and PTA is pushing for adequate state and federal funding of education.

Other areas of interest to the state and national PTA include: patriotism and citizenship, cultural arts, environmental causes, health and lifestyle, home fire safety and parenting.

But these programs cost money.

Current dues are $2 per person with $1.50 going to the state organization and 50-cents to the national. Some PTO groups in Vigo County charge no dues but consider all parents of children enrolled in the school as members. Any local dues would be tacked onto the $2.

Currently only four Vigo County schools maintain a PTA affiliation: Fayette, Deming and West Vigo elementary schools and Woodrow Wilson Junior High School. DeVaney parents will decide on April 26 if they want to join those schools and the national organization.

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